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For: METHOD TO PREVENT VISION LOSS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated March 10, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 2 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to August 10, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.